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safer and more productive lives
when their parents are
strengthened, educated and
supported.

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

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Having a child with special
needs is often a life altering
experience...



"...connecting with and
getting support from other
parents has been like coming
home, a place where people
get it."

Exceptional Parent

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

Provides

Parent Matching

One-to-one connections for parents new to having a child with special needs, experiencing a time of stress or simply seeking support from another parent who has **been there**.

Support Parent Trainings

Trainings for parents raising children with special health care needs that feel they are ready to become a Support Parent.

Support Parent Trainings will provide parents with a time to:

- ♦ Reflect on their own journey and the adjustments they have made along the way,
- ♦ Learn specific communication and listening skills,
- ♦ Consider the role of the "Support Parent",
- ♦ Practice newly acquired skills, building on personal knowledge in preparation to serve as a Support Parent.

What Parents Say...

"You realize that you're not alone dealing with problems. You have someone there who has similar experiences and understands. The common thread is your child and the problems that he or she has and how you cope with them."

"That really lightened the load for me. If I didn't feel confident in going to someone else, I know that I could always pick up the telephone and call my support parent."

"The light at the end of our tunnel came in the form of Nancy, our supporting parent. She had encountered all that we were facing, and she listened with a sensitive ear. Her own experiences meant that she understood everything I was feeling."

The Heart of Matching

"It is when we try to grapple with another man's intimate need that we perceive how incomprehensible, wavering, and misty are the beings that share with us the sight of the stars and the warmth of the sun."

--Joseph Conrad

"...with the support of another parent we begin to see through the cracks and find joy in places we never could have imagined. Our journey continues, but this time we feel that we will survive because we know another parent who has been there." *Exceptional Parent*

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM:

- ☐ I would like to be matched with another parent who has had a similar experience.
- ☐ I would like to volunteer to become a Support Parent
- ☐ I would like my provider to fax this form to Parent to Parent of Wisconsin @ 715/361-2892

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number with area code _____

Best time to be reached _____

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